

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

***Please cancel claims 8, 9, 11-14, 16-19, 21, 22, 24 and 25.***

***Please amend claims 10, 15, 20 and 23 as follows:***

**10.** A packaging container comprising:

a container body having an inverted cone shape, said container body including a side wall, a first end defined by a tapered end portion, and an open end opposite said first end;

at least one protrusion formed on an outer surface of said side wall of said container body;

an adhesive member;

a frustum-shaped exterior shell having a small-diameter opening at one end and a large-diameter opening at an opposite end such that

(i) said frustum-shaped exterior shell is to be removably fitted onto said container body by

(a) passing said tapered end portion of said container body through said large-diameter opening and then through said small-diameter opening until said at least one protrusion removably supports said frustum-shaped exterior shell on said container body, or

(b) passing said tapered end portion of said container body through said large-diameter opening and then through said small-diameter opening, and then lightly bonding said one end of said frustum-shaped exterior shell to said side wall of said container body via said adhesive member, and

(ii) said frustum-shaped exterior shell is to support said container body by removing said frustum-shaped exterior shell from said container body, inverting said frustum-shaped exterior shell, and inserting said tapered end portion of said container

body into said small-diameter opening of said frustum-shaped exterior shell until said at least one protrusion is engaged by said one end of said frustum-shaped exterior shell; and a lid for hermetically sealing said container body.

15. A packaging container comprising:

a container body having an inverted cone shape, said container body including a side wall, a first end defined by a tapered end portion, and an open end opposite said first end;

at least one protrusion formed on an outer surface of said side wall of said container body;

an adhesive member; and

a frustum-shaped exterior shell having a small-diameter opening at one end and a large-diameter opening at an opposite end such that

(i) said frustum-shaped exterior shell is to be removably fitted onto said container body by

(a) passing said tapered end portion of said container body through said large-diameter opening and then through said small-diameter opening until said at least one protrusion removably supports said frustum-shaped exterior shell on said container body, or

(b) passing said tapered end portion of said container body through said large-diameter opening and then through said small-diameter opening, and then lightly bonding said one end of said frustum-shaped exterior shell to said side wall of said container body via said adhesive member, and

(ii) said frustum-shaped exterior shell is to support said container body by removing said frustum-shaped exterior shell from said container body, inverting said frustum-shaped exterior shell, and inserting said tapered end portion of said container body into said small-diameter opening of said frustum-shaped exterior shell until said at least one protrusion is engaged by said one end of said frustum-shaped exterior shell.

3 20. A packaging container comprising:

a container body having an inverted cone shape, said container body including a side wall, a first end defined by a tapered end portion, and an open end opposite said first end;

plural protrusions formed on an outer surface of said side wall of said container body in a plane that is perpendicular to an axis of said container body;

an adhesive member; and

a frustum-shaped exterior shell having a small-diameter opening at one end and a large-diameter opening at an opposite end such that

(i) said frustum-shaped exterior shell is to be removably fitted onto said container body by

(a) passing said tapered end portion of said container body through said large-diameter opening and then through said small-diameter opening until said plural protrusions removably support said frustum-shaped exterior shell on said container body, or

(b) passing said tapered end portion of said container body through said large-diameter opening and then through said small-diameter opening, and then lightly bonding said one end of said frustum-shaped exterior shell to said side wall of said container body via said adhesive member, and

(ii) said frustum-shaped exterior shell is to support said container body by removing said frustum-shaped exterior shell from said container body, inverting said frustum-shaped exterior shell, and inserting said tapered end portion of said container body into said small-diameter opening of said frustum-shaped exterior shell until said plural protrusions are engaged by said one end of said frustum-shaped exterior shell.

4 23. A packaging container comprising:

a container body having an inverted cone shape, said container body including a side wall, a first end defined by a tapered end portion, and an open end opposite said first end;

a continuous ring formed on an outer surface of said side wall of said container body in a plane that is perpendicular to an axis of said container body;

an adhesive member; and

a frustum-shaped exterior shell having a small diameter opening at one end and a large-diameter opening at an opposite end such that

(i) said frustum-shaped exterior shell is to be removably fitted onto said container body by

(a) passing said tapered end portion of said container body through said large-diameter opening and then through said small-diameter opening until said continuous ring removably supports said frustum-shaped exterior shell on said container body, or

(b) passing said tapered end portion of said container body through said large-diameter opening and then through said small-diameter opening, and then lightly bonding said one end of said frustum-shaped exterior shell to said side wall of said container body via said adhesive member, and

(ii) said frustum-shaped exterior shell is to support said container body by removing said frustum-shaped exterior shell from said container body, inverting said frustum-shaped exterior shell, and inserting said tapered end portion of said container body into said small-diameter opening of said frustum-shaped exterior shell until said continuous ring is engaged by said one end of said frustum-shaped exterior shell.